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Wm J. S. Ellis
Bonneville Ia.

Dear Jess:

I have been delayed in writing you. I thank you for the nice $5.00 was appreciated very much. Sometimes I was in need of it. I am glad the grapefruit arrived in good shape. Yes glad there was enough for all your family.

I spent ten days on my hunting trip the first of Dec. I had a nice trip. Hunting is one of my hobbies taking a keen interest even yet.

Say Jess my wife has some friends that want some of those blossoms like you sent them if you have them in your mail box. Send me two or three ~~grapefruit~~ and one grapefruit. mail me bill and I will return check for same.

I am looking for mother to come up to see us soon. I talked to her Xmas morning at Waco. & she was enjoying a nice Xmas. Several of the children was spending the day with her.

I am in hopes I can make a trip out in your country some time this year. I would like to have a few hours visit with you. I am trying to plan at something for the future. I know I have got to get away from a salaried job. I only get $1,75.00 for mine. Have & can't save very much at that. But I am always looking ahead for something better some day.

East Texas has done well this past year, in good shape. & the banks all have plenty of money. We done extra well here in our store. a good gain over the year before.

I trust you enjoyed a good business also.

With my best regards to one & all

Yours truly

James J. Collins.